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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MASS, SA, US, IS

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: ISRAELI POSITION ON SAUDI ARMS  
SALES (S/S 7619843)

1. DURING MY TESTIMONY TODAY BEFORE FASCELL SUB-COMMITTEE,  
ROSENTHAL ASKED ME WHETHER ISRAEL HAD PROTESTED TO US THE  
CURRENTLY PROPOSED SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA. ON THE BASIS OF  
MY KNOWLEDGE AND THE ADVICE OF ACCOMPANYING DEPARTMENT  
OFFICERS, I SAID ISRAEL HAD NOT REPEAT NOT PROTESTED.

DINITZ SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED ATHERTON TO SAY THAT ISRAELI  
PRESS WAS PLAYING UP THIS POINT AND IT WAS CAUSING SERIOUS  
PROBLEMS FOR HIM. HE SAID HE HAD IN FACT PRIVATELY  
INDICATED ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO YOU. DINITZ SAID  
FASCELL SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED HIM AND HE HAD TOLD FASCELL  
THAT ISRAEL HAD MADE KNOWN ITS OBJECTIONS AS IT DOES IN  
THE CASE OF ALL SALES OF ARMS TO ARAB STATES AT WAR WITH  
ISRAEL. I THEN CALLED FASCELL TO TELL HIM WHAT DINITZ  
HAD TOLD US, NAMELY, THAT HE HAD RAISED OBJECTIONS.

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FASCELL SUGGESTS THIS CAN BE EASILY HANDLED BY OUR

CORRECTING THE RECORD.

2. IF DINITZ'S ACCOUNT IS IN FACT CORRECT, I RECOMMEND  
YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO CORRECT THE RECORD OF MY TESTIMONY AS  
FOLLOWS: "ISRAEL DID LET US KNOW OF ITS OBJECTIONS TO  
THESE SALES."

RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO INSERT THE  
FOREGOING IN THE RECORD OF TODAY'S TESTIMONY.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

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